



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 31

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is operating under a continuing state of disaster and state of emergency as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, guidance from the Department of Treasury states that CARES Act relief funds received by the Tribe may be disbursed to individual Tribal members in response to financial need caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that there is widespread unmet need among Tribal members who have suffered financial loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and that the fund authorized by this Resolution is a necessary expenditure, for the promotion of the general welfare, not lavish or extravagant, and not compensation for services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs a one-time distribution of up to one thousand dollars (\$1000) be made to adult members of Squaxin Island Tribe for reasonable and necessary personal, family, living, or funeral expenses incurred as a result of the

COVID-19 pandemic and that such distribution be available to any tribal member who meets the guidelines established in this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal Council directs that its Tribal Administrator, Marvin Campbell, establish an application form to document and certify the individual need of Tribal Members requesting payment and distribute such form by mail and internet, and to take such steps as are necessary to implement the relief authorized by this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applications must be received by July 10, 2020 to be eligible for relief;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council has determined that this distribution shall be exempt by reason of Internal Revenue Code §139 and § 139E, and that this Resolution shall be considered a “written plan” and “specified guidelines” for purposes of §139E.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 30 day of June, 2020, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.


Arnold Cooper, Chairman

Attested by:


Jeremie Walls, Secretary


Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman